GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have entered into any new bilateral relationship with the South East Asian countries, Japan and China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken being taken by the Government to improve the trade relationship with the South East Asian countries, Japan and China?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) The Government of India has ongoing and active bilateral relationships with South East Asian countries, China and Japan.

(b) During the visit of Prime Minister Mori of Japan to India in August, 2000, both sides agreed to build a global partnership in the 21st Century.

(c) Bilateral cooperation mechanisms for improving trade exist with China and Japan and most of the South East Asian countries. Through these mechanisms talks have been taking place on trade promotion. In addition, a multilateral mechanism, the ASEAN-India Joint Cooperation Committee, has established a Working Group on Trade and Investment.